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1. The Chairman, NSRB, has requested the DCI to furnish information regarding enemy capabilities and appropriate distances at which it would be practical to build Government buildings in connection with the dispersal program in testimony before the Senate Public Works Committee. The DCI has designated DD/I to coordinate this matter, and with DCI's approval, appropriately concurred in by Col. Hansen and General Counsel, Legislative Counsel has been designated as the CIA representative in this matter.

2. Mr. Fred Belen, of the staff of the House Post Office & Civil Service Committee, called to inquire whether CIA wished to testify in connection with legislation presently pending before the Committee to recognize organizations of Federal employees (H.R. 554 and 571). WLP discussed the matter with Mr. Winslow, Assistant Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission, who stated that Chairman Ramspeck of the Commission was including in his statement a request that CIA be exempted from such legislation. Mr. Winslow felt that it would not be necessary for CIA to appear. Recommendation along these lines is being made in a memorandum to DD/A dated 26 February.

3. Mr. Houston and I also discussed with Mr. Winslow, of the Civil Service Commission, proposed action in connection with the Whitten rider. Mr. Winslow suggested that CIA consider sending a letter setting forth their position on the rider to the appropriate Congressional committees.